

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:	Benoit Marchal et al.	Group Art Unit:	3762
Application No.:	09/537,070	Examiner:	M. Bockelman
Filing Date:	March 28, 2000	Due Date:	
For:	Gastroelectric Stimulation for Influencing Pancreatic Secretions		
	<b>CUSTOMER NUMBER 27581</b>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to considering the merits of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered.

Please cancel claims 1-29 and 31-43, amend claim 30, and add new claims 44- 68 as follows.